

SUNDAY AT PLYMOUTH
1030 am Sunday, August 31, 2025
WORSHIP ONLINE ONLY!

The Church Building Will Be Closed

Luke 17:1-4
“Millstones of Mercy”
Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown

Members and visitors in the church building can access
Plymouth Guest wi-fi network using password: peaceonearth

The Plymouth Herald is published every week.
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*Whether you are a seeker, skeptic, believer
or somewhere in between on life's journey,
you are welcome here. We are grateful for your presence
and invite you to participate in worship and service
of Plymouth Church UCC.*



Return Service Requested

BE THE CHURCH



As we begin a new church year, you are invited to volunteer at Plymouth Church! Remember that covenant giving also includes your time and using your gifts. There are many tasks that you can do. Training provided if needed. Here are some available volunteer opportunities. Contact Toni Arthur,

TArthur@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org, to get started:

- Participating in money counting after worship
- Preparing communion (first Sundays)
- Becoming a greeter on Sundays and special events
- Answering phones 2 days a week from 10 am-2 pm
- Cleaning/decluttering (short-term commitment)
- Food preparation and service on needed occasions
- Join the Companion Ministry

This is a partial list. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Toni and discuss how best to contribute your gift to our community. We are grateful for all you bring to the life and ministries of Plymouth UCC.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

All who live in fear of expedited removal, detention, or deportation., Ahmed Black (Nephew of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Monica Blume (Family of Kate Forrester), Wendy Carpenter (Friend of Jocelyn Coit-Durland), Lin Davis (Wife of Mo Longworth), JT Edwards, Diane Folkert (Mother and Mother-in-Law of Alex & Ara Lawrence), Louis Ford (Friend of Karen Clark), Artrice Gordon (Brother of Michael & Elizabeth Gordon), Floyd Gossett, Carrie Gossett (Mother of Floyd Gossett), Jo-Ann Guthrie, Elvis Gordon (Brother of Michael and Elizabeth Gordon), Allie James (Friend of Dawn Bennett), Julie (Friend of Karen Clark), **Debbie Longworth** (Siister of Mo Longworth), Robert Malae, **Dave Mom** (Brother-in-law of Mo Longworth), Dale and Jinny Sewell, Shaniece (Friend of Karen Clark), Sue Shelley (Aunt of Ricky Powell), **Rev. Harriet Walton** (Friend of Dr. Maxine Mimms), Gevan Woodke (Friend of Karen Clark)

Our hearts are with Helen Gorsuch and family on the passing of her husband Phil Gorsuch on August 25. A service will be held 1 pm Friday, September 5, at Congregational Church on Mercer Island (4545 Island Crest Way).

bold=newly added. Names will remain on list for 6 weeks unless requested.

If you have personal concerns, you may contact a minister or member of the Pastoral Care Team by calling the pastoral care line, **206-639-7739**, checked daily.



Cornel West at Town Hall Seattle September 6.

Fellowship—a progressive faith community—is committed to helping create a more just world. In service of this mission, the Fellowship has invited noted public intellectual Cornel West to share his wisdom with the community. The event serves as a fundraiser for the ongoing work of the Center for Faith, Art, and Justice, which launched in 2023. Through the Center, Valley and Mountain has trained communities in nonviolence and supported social movements across the country.

READ TOGETHER, LEAD TOGETHER

An all-church discussion of the book *Black Prophetic Fire*, by Cornel West will begin in September. Purchase your copy now. Available from Beacon Press: Beacon.org.

Black Prophetic Fire is an unflinching look at nineteenth- and twentieth-century African American leaders and their visionary legacies. In an accessible, conversational format, Cornel West, with distinguished scholar Christa Buschendorf, provides a fresh perspective on six revolutionary African American leaders: Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. Du Bois, Martin Luther King Jr., Ella Baker, Malcolm X, and Ida B. Wells. In dialogue with Buschendorf, West examines the impact of these men and women on their own eras and across the decades. He not only rediscovers the integrity and commitment within these passionate advocates but also their fault lines.

Keep checking our news page and the Herald for updates on discussion details. Get your copy at Beacon.org.



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FAITH IN THE TIME OF MONSTERS

Come to Town Hall Seattle (1119 Eighth Avenue) 6 pm Saturday, September 6, for an evening with Dr. Cornel West, presented by Valley and Mountain UMC. Get tickets now at TownHallSeattle.org.

As the nation faces significant turmoil and division, faith institutions have a unique role to play in healing the national rupture. Valley and Mountain

COME HOME NEXT SUNDAY

Celebrate Homecoming Sunday with Plymouth September 7. Plymouth Choir returns to nourish our spirits in song, and lunch with friends after the service will nourish our bodies. This is a special day to pledge time, talent, and treasure and to express our desire to covenant with Plymouth. We invite you to consider your commitment to Plymouth Church over the coming year and join in covenanting with God, Plymouth Church, and one another.

This fall, Plymouth United Church of Christ invites you to participate in our 2025 stewardship campaign: Creatively Maladjusted. Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s wisdom, we joyfully reject the status quo of injustice and complacency as a measure of our faith and commitment. Your financial generosity helps fuel ministries of justice, love, inclusion, music, and worship.

This year's stewardship campaign at Plymouth United Church of Christ centers on the inspiring phrase “creatively maladjusted” as used by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who called for faith communities and individuals to refuse passive conformity and become “maladjusted” to injustice, violence, and exclusion. In our context, being “creatively maladjusted” means resisting the status quo of complacency and boldly shaping a church and world embodying God's justice, love, and peace.

“There are some things within our social order to which I am proud to be maladjusted... I never intend to become adjusted to segregation and discrimination. I never intend to adjust myself to religious bigotry. I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

By embracing our identity as “creatively maladjusted” people, together we will fund ministries that challenge injustice, nurture spiritual growth, and embody radical welcome. Let's be maladjusted—on purpose, for good, and for the future God imagines!



DETENTION LOTTERY



September 7 at Seattle First United Methodist.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle invites you to a special presentation of Detention Lottery 4 pm Sunday, September 7, at Seattle First United Methodist Church (180 Denny Way, Seattle).

Detention Lottery brings awareness to the realities of migrant detention in our country, including the hidden

costs of detaining migrants to our democracy and to our communities. Attorneys from the area play different roles, which include a judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, and ICE officials. Detainees are played by members of the audience, who are “detained” (assigned their roles and handed their scripts) after they’ve taken their seats. This event is a powerful exploration of the effect our immigration enforcement system has on US citizens and permanent residents, including millions of children. Following the production there will be a 45-minute open discussion.

Read more and RSVP at TheChurchCouncil.org/News. 🌐

ADVOCATE FOR A MORAL BUDGET

With the support of the United Church of Christ Office of Public Policy & Advocacy, Washington Faith Action Network is hosting a Moral Budget Advocacy Week, September 22–26. During this week of action, registrants from around the state will have in-district meetings with their members of Congress to urge the importance of a moral budget that funds our social safety net and rejects increases to the administration’s mass deportation campaign.

You are invited to register in advance for two 1-hour trainings to teach you how to (1) set up a meeting with your senators and representatives and (2) prepare for that meeting. Register now at FANWA.org.

- **12 pm PT August 27:** Zoom Webinar on How to Request a Meeting with a Member of Congress
- **12 pm PT September 17:** Zoom Webinar on How to Meet with a Member of Congress

Please join us to urge Congress to prioritize funding for social safety net programs and humane policies that protect the rights and dignity of migrants. Read more at FANWA.org. 🌐



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Starting Sunday September 7, Plymouth Choir and Plymouth Quartet will return to Sunday services, singing each week with our two-part Soprano/Bass Choir featured at the end of each month. We’d love as many people as possible to join our choir community each Sunday. All are welcome each week because as the song says, “All God’s creatures got a place in the choir!”

If you have always wanted to sing in a choir, the time is now. Contact Choir Director Eliza Woodyard (EWoodyard@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) to learn more. 🌐

SCHOOL SUPPLIES STILL NEEDED



Please bring school supplies on Sundays.

- Lunch box
- Composition notebook
- Graph paper
- Blue or black pens
- #2 pencils
- Pencil pouch
- Metric/standard ruler
- Small pencil sharpener w/shavings holder
- Eraser
- Tape
- Box of crayons
- Glue stick
- Spiral notebook (single or multiple w/dividers)
- Backpack (no wheels)
- Water bottle
- Fine tip markers (8–10 ct)
- Thick markers (8–10 count)
- Colored pencils (12 pack)
- Scotch tape
- Dry erase markers 🌐

LEAN ON US

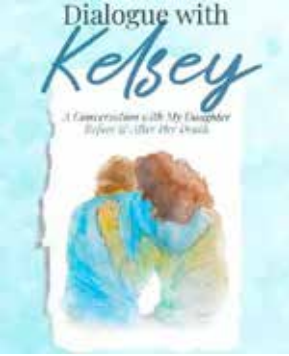
Feeling in need of support? Join the Transitions Support Group. We meet monthly on Zoom and support each other in life’s ups and downs of care-giving, loss and empty nesting. Contact Faith Community Nurse June Hayakawa-Fung (JHayakawaFung@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org). 🌐



Add your voice to Plymouth Choir.

DIALOGUE WITH KELSEY

You are invited to Hildebrand Hall 3 pm Saturday, September 6, to learn about Barbara Bennett’s new book on grief, healing, and a forever relationship. *Dialogue with Kelsey: Before and After My Daughter’s Death* will speak to those who have lost a child or a close loved one and also to those are trying to balance sorrow and pain with joy. Park in Plymouth garage.



3 pm Sept. 6 in Hildebrand Hall.

When Barbara’s twenty-eight-year-old daughter, Kelsey, was killed in a bicycle-bus accident in Boston, she yearned to find a way to continue their conversation. Although most of Barbara’s religious beliefs were destroyed the moment she learned of Kelsey’s death, she soon realized grief could be a form of spiritual practice and embarked on an inward pilgrimage that included mindfulness meditation, Jewish methods for interpreting sacred texts, Quaker ways of listening for the inner guide, and Shamanic drumming. The beaches and forests on the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State provided daily inspiration as she learned to balance a never-ending sense of loss with ever-increasing joy. 🌐

YOU HOLD THE KEY TO HOPE



Help provide stability through community.

This year’s luncheon will feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Vivek Murthy, the former U.S. Surgeon General and a leading voice on public health, connection, and well-being. Dr. Murthy has championed the importance of social connection as a critical factor in public health, warning of the dangers of loneliness and its impact on mental and physical health. At Key to Hope, he will share insights on how community and connection can transform lives, particularly for those who have experienced homelessness.

The connections formed at Plymouth — between residents, staff, and supporters — offer more than just housing; they offer stability, care, and a sense of belonging. Join us in exploring the power of connection and how, together, we can make a lasting impact. Register now at PlymouthHousing.org. 🌐

Support Plymouth Housing at *Key to Hope: The Power of Connection*, Noon–1:30 pm Wednesday, September 17, at the Seattle Westin downtown (1900 5th Ave). This inspiring event brings together forward-thinking community to take meaningful steps toward ending homelessness.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

September is Suicide Prevention Month — a time to raise awareness and discuss this highly stigmatized topic. In addition to shifting public perception, we use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. Our goal is ensuring that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

While suicide prevention is important to address year-round, Suicide Prevention Awareness Month provides a dedicated time to come together with collective passion and strength to address this difficult topic. The truth is, we can all benefit from honest conversations about mental health conditions and suicide, because just one conversation can change a life. Never forget that there is always hope.

Learn more and access resources at National Alliance on Mental Illness: NAMI.org

If you or someone you know is in crisis — whether they are considering suicide or not — call or text the toll-free Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988 to speak with a trained crisis counselor 24/7. 🌐

What People Think Suicide Prevention is

Crisis Intervention
The National Suicide Prevention Hotline (988)

What Suicide Prevention Actually is

Food security
Affordable housing
Gatekeeper training
Peer norm activities
Affordable healthcare
Housing stabilization policies
Community engagement activities
Destigmatizing mental illnesses
Strengthening household financial security
Increasing accessibility for mental health care
Parenting skills and family relationship programs
Family acceptance of individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+